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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## Erie VA Medical Center to host POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony

Heroes will always be remembered

September 5, 2011 – Erie VA Medical Center is hosting the annual Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Remembrance Ceremony to honor our Nation's most revered heroes, those who served under the worst of conditions, sacrificing their freedom so that our country may know true liberty.

What: POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony

When: Friday, September 21, 2012 at 10 a.m.

Where: Erie VA Medical Center – Second Floor Conference Rooms

**Who:** Erie VA invites former prisoners of war, their families, friends, and members of the

community to attend the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony.

Each year during the ceremony, local former POWs are given time to share their stories and experience of captivity. This year's ceremony will also include a special missing man ceremony in remembrance of those who never returned.

\*\* Members of the media are invited to attend this event. Contact Sarah Gudgeon at 814-860-2097 if you would like to pre-schedule an interview with a former POW.

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